

REMARKS

The above amendment is submitted prior to examination to focus the scope of the claimed invention, and thereby expedite prosecution. An information disclosure statement will be submitted shortly hereafter, via hand delivery to the Examiner. Should the Examiner have any questions or otherwise wish to discuss the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the assignee's in-house patent counsel, Marcia S. Kelbon, Reg. No. 34,358 at 206.676.5020 or outside patent counsel, Dennis K. Shelton, Reg. No., 26,997 at 206.695.1718.

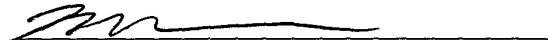
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In the Claims:

Claims 1-19 have been cancelled.

Claims 20-50 have been added.